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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT--PARA THREE LINE SEVEN ADDED)

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, SHUM, UR

SUBJECT: SAKHAROV APPEALS TO WALDHEIM, BREZHNEV ON
BEHALF OF PENTECOSTALISTS

1. SAKHAROV AND WIFE RETURNED TO EMBASSY 5:30 P.M.
JULY 6. THEY ENTERED AND LEFT WITHOUT HINDRANCE BY
MILITIA.

2. SAKHAROV GAVE EMBOFFS ENVELOPES FOR AMBASSADOR
ANDREW YOUNG AND CONGRESSMAN DANTE FASCELL. HE STATED
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THAT BOTH CONTAIN MATERIALS, INCLUDING APPEAL HE
WISHES TRANSMITTED TO U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM,
CONCERNING PENTECOSTALISTS NOW AT U.S. EMBASSY.
EMBOFFS STATED THAT BOTH ENVELOPES WOULD BE TRANSMITTED
TO ADDRESSEES, BUT THAT THEY COULD NOT GUARANTEE THAT
AMBASSADOR YOUNG WOULD BE ABLE TO TRANSMIT LETTER TO
U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL. SAKHAROV SAID HE HAD THOUGHT

THAT AS U.N. REPRESENTATIVE, AMBASSADOR YOUNG WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TRANSMIT LETTER WITHOUT INCONVENIENCE. EMBOFFS POINTED OUT THAT PROBLEMS OF TRANSFERRING MATERIAL TO NON-U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WERE SAME AS THOSE APPLYING TO EMBASSY AND OTHER STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS. SAKHAROV EXPRESSED HOPE THAT LETTER COULD BE TRANSMITTED BY ANDREW YOUNG, BUT DID NOT SEEM EXCESSIVELY CONCERNED, SINCE HE ALSO HAD GIVEN US COPY OF LETTER TO BE SENT TO CONGRESSMAN FASCELL.

3. APPEAL WAS ADDRESSED TO BREZHNEV AS WELL AS WALDHEIM AND SAKHAROV SAID HE HAD DELIVERED COPY TO KREMLIN SHORTLY BEFORE COMING TO EMBASSY. APPEAL DISCUSSES SEVENTEEN-YEAR LONG EFFORTS OF VASHCHENKO AND CHMYKHALOVA FAMILIES TO OBTAIN EXIT PERMISSION AND MENTIONS FACT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN AT EMBASSY FOR TWO WEEKS. IT POINTS OUT THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAVE REPEATEDLY REFUSED TO GRANT THEM EXIT PERMISSION, DESPITE THE GOVERNMENT'S OBLIGATION UNDER NUMEROUS INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS, INCLUDING THE U.N. INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, TO PERMIT FREE EMIGRATION. APPEAL DETAILS REPRESSION SUFFERED BY VARIOUS FAMILY MEMBERS, INCLUDING INCARCERATION IN PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL AND IMPRISONMENT. IT CONCLUDES BY ASKING WALDHEIM AND BREZHNEV TO ASSIST THEM IN OBTAINING "THEIR LAWFUL RIGHT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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EMIGRATE."

4. IN ACCORDANCE WITH USUAL PRACTICE, EMBASSY IS POUCHING MATERIALS TO EUR/SOV.

5. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS ON OTHER ASPECTS OF CONVERSATION. TOON

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